

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 313
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Terry Rector of Tennessee Technological University on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Terry Rector is one such estimable person who has served a meritorious tenure of nearly forty years with Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Tennessee Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1965, Mr. Terry Rector started his career with the university on October 1, 1965, as an accountant between 1966 and 1972, Mr. Rector also honorably served in the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, while working at Tennessee Tech, Mr. Rector earned a Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision in 1973 from the university; and

WHEREAS, this loyal and dedicated professional steadily and diligently worked his way up through the ranks, serving as Senior Accountant from 1968-1970, Director of Accounting from 1970-1971, and Assistant Business Manager from 1971-1975; and

WHEREAS, Terry Rector then showcased his leadership capabilities in his role as Assistant Director of Business and Fiscal Affairs from 1975-1981 and Director of Fiscal Affairs from 1981-1986; and

WHEREAS, he was elevated to the role of Vice President of Business and Fiscal Affairs at Tennessee Tech in 1986, and he is currently the longest serving Vice President for Business in Tennessee Board of Regents system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry Rector, who has seen operating expenditures grow at the university from \$4.4 million dollars in 1965 to the \$113 million dollars budgeted for 2005, will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man has been instrumental in the university achieving numerous noteworthy tasks and goals while expertly serving as Vice President of Business and Fiscal Affairs, including contracting out food services and the bookstore; implementing e-check for students, the World Wide Web for employees, and ProCard purchases; implementing direct deposit of wages for all employees and direct deposit for financial aid; the construction of a new library, fitness center, and residential complex; the installation of new campus and street lighting to create a more uniform look with the City of Cookeville; the installation of new entrance and street signs; and sustaining a perfect record for no audit findings during the Annual State audit; and

WHEREAS, all accomplishments aside, Mr. Rector is perhaps most thankful for the love he shares with his wife, Judith K. Rector; his son and daughter-in-law, Tiff and Vickie; his son Kendall; and his grandchildren, Kinsley and Tanner; and

WHEREAS, he is a dedicated member of Bangham Heights Baptist Church, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Terry Rector exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Terry Rector has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the administration of Tennessee Tech; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and thank Terry Rector for his many years of meritorious service to Tennessee Technological University and extend to him our best wishes for continued happiness in his retirement and success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.